

**REMARKS**

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 28, 2005. This paper contains a re-submitted "Amendments To The Claims" section. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this paper.

**Status Of The Claims**

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in the application. The claim set presented in this paper includes claim 1 bearing the status identifier "Currently Amended."

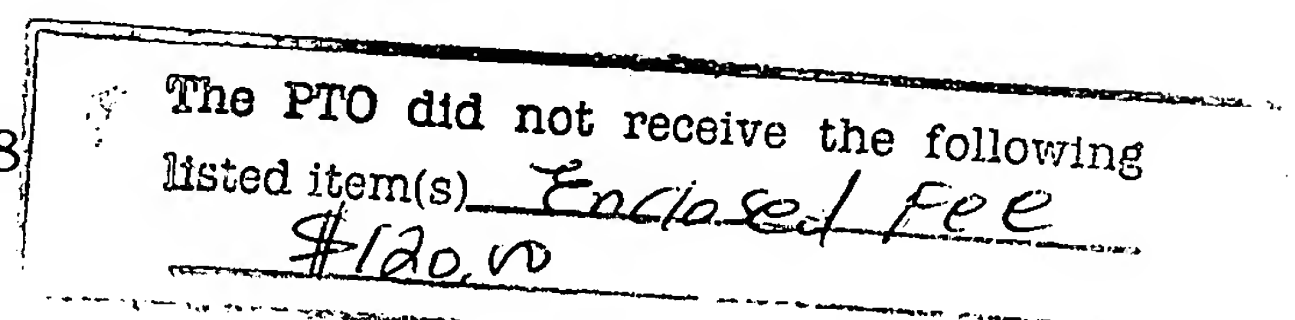
**Conclusion**

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.



Response of February 4, 2005  
Response to Notice of January 28, 2005

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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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